The Saint Paul Police Chaplain Program

"To Serve and to Pray."

Since its inception in 1968, the Saint Paul Police Chaplain Program (SPPC) has served police officers and citizens in times of need. Whether assisting individuals in searching

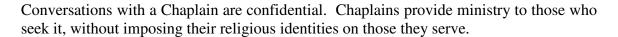


for spiritual or religious understanding, or offering a compassionate, caring, and spiritual presence to those in difficult circumstances, the Police Chaplains provide a range of support to those in need of guidance. In addition to providing pastoral care and ministry to Saint Paul Police Officers, Police Chaplains have been called upon to assist officers in rendering assistance to victims, family members, and other citizens with whom police officers come into contact.

Although the program is non-denominational, Chaplains come from a variety of faiths and belief systems, and offer practical and spiritual guidance to everyone irrespective of their religious affiliation.

SPPD Chaplains:

- · Volunteer at least 10 hours each month
- · Minister to officers, employees, and family members of the Saint Paul Police Department
- · Offer comfort, spiritual guidance and other assistance to the citizens of Saint Paul
- Participate in roll-calls and meetings with officers and other department employees
- · Ride with officers on patrol



Mission:

To promote the spiritual, religious, moral, corporate and personal well-being of the members of the Saint Paul Police Department, and to offer comfort, guidance, and support to the citizens of Saint Paul.

Vision:

To provide ministry and pastoral care to the members of the Saint Paul Police Department, their families, and to citizens in crisis. To promote an effective and cooperative relationship between the Saint Paul Police Department and the public, by offering tools of communication, empathy, reconciliation, and prayer.



The Saint Paul Police Department Chaplain Program embraces diversity. Working in a pluralistic environment, the Saint Paul Police Department Chaplain Program, comprised of Chaplains from a variety of religious faith communities, welcomes, affirms and celebrates its diversity.



Each Chaplain is required to conduct herself/himself in a manner that fosters great ecumenism with churches other than his/her own as we attempt to win the goodwill of all.

Requirements:

The Saint Paul Police Department Chaplain Program holds itself to the highest of ethical and professional standards. Police Chaplains must be prepared to commit fully to the standards of the program and its mission of service. Police Chaplains are expected to:

- · Serve those who protect and serve the citizens of Saint Paul
- · Behave in an ethical and professional manner
- · Commit 120 hours per year to the program
- · Carry a cell phone at all times, so they may be reached in times of emergency
- · Be able to respond within 30 minutes of being called
- · Wear the SPPD-issued clothing and ID when working as a SPPD Chaplain

In order to be considered for service with the Saint Paul Police Department Chaplain Program, applicants must:

- · Provide valid ministry credentials
- · Provide a letter of support from the applicant's faith-based organization
- · Complete a background investigation
- · Interview with the Coordinator of Chaplains or his/her designee

To apply for participation in the program, please contact the Chaplain Coordinator at the following:

The Reverend Willie Hudson SPPD Chaplain Coordinator (651) 266-5961

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